

IX. *Part of a Letter from Mr. Brook Taylor,
F. R. S. to Dr. Hans Sloane R. S. Secr. Con-
cerning the Ascent of Water between two Glass
Planes.*

THE following Experiment seeming to be of use, in discovering the Proportions of the Attractions of Fluids, I shall not forbear giving an Account of it; tho' I have not here Conveniencies to make it in so successful a manner, as I could wish.

I fasten'd two pieces of Glass together, as flat as I could get; so that they were inclined in an Angle of about 2 Degrees and a half. Then I set them in Water, with the contiguous Edges perpendicular. The upper part of the Water, by rising between them, made this *Hyperbola*; [See Fig. 5.] which is as I copied it from the Glass.

I have examined it as well as I can, and it seems to approach very near to the common *Hyperbola*. But my *Apparatus* was not nice enough to discover this exactly.

The Perpendicular *Asymptote* was exactly determined by the Edge of the Glass; but the Horizontal one I could not so well discover. I am,

Sir,

*Bifrons near Can-
terbury, June
25. 1712.*

Your most humble Servant,

BROOK TAYLOR.

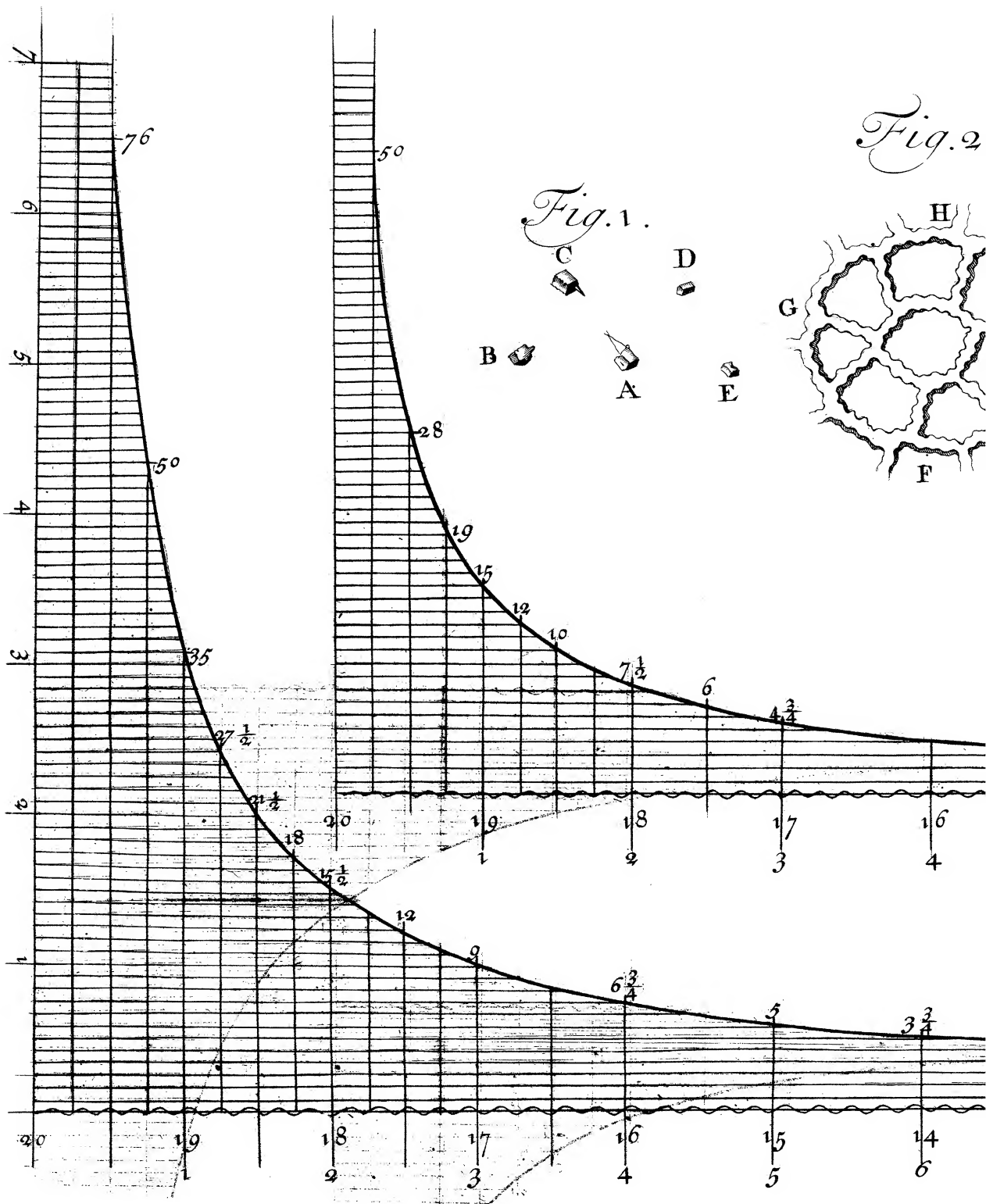


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Fig. 3.

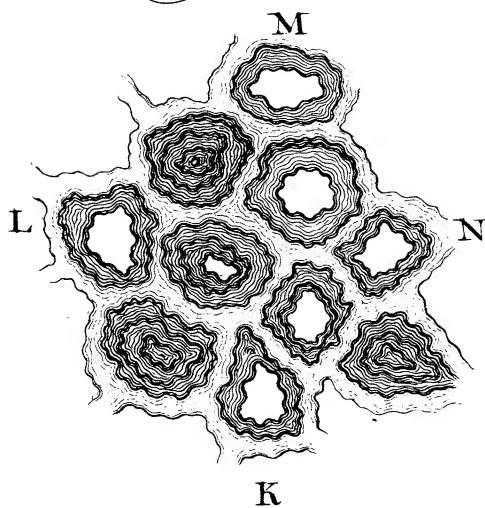


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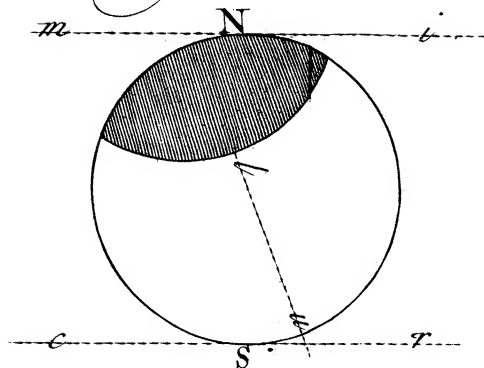


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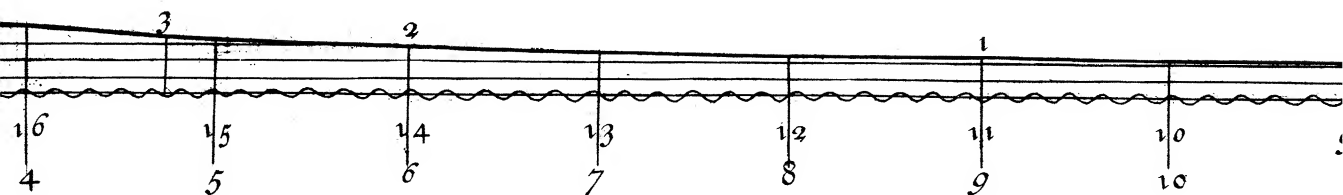


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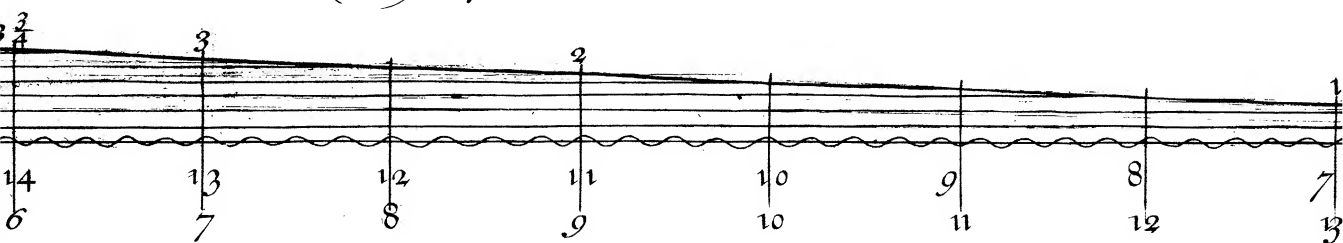


Fig. 5.

